



Yom HaShoah Observance Commemorates: — The 60th Anniversary of Babi Yar

Thursday, April 19, 7 pm at Congregation Emanu-El

This year the annual Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, observance and memorial service will focus on commemorating the 60th anniversary of the massacre at the Babi Yar Ravine. With the assistance of Russian and Ukrainian collaborators, Nazi Germans killed 33,751 Jews at the Babi Yar Ravine in Kiev during September 29-30, 1941. This program will feature young and older Russian emigres from the Kiev area.

The community gathering is free and open to the public. The location is wheelchair accessible and listening assistance devices are available. The program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Holocaust Center of Northern California, beneficiaries of the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation, in cooperation with Congregation Emanu-El.

For more information please contact Abby Porth (415/ 957-1551) or the Holocaust Center of Northern California (415/ 751-6040).

"QUEERIFIC" 2001 San Francisco Pride Parade

Sunday June 24th

Guess how high Joe Hample's wedding pumps are in this 1999 Pride Parade photo and win a co-chair position on this year's Pride Parade planning committee! Tell us whose tuxedo Greer Hauptman is wearing and who hemmed it for her, and you win the second co-chair position. If you can't guess, simply call Dahlia at 415/575-4961 to sign up for the committee. We need your ideas and energy!!! If you are unable to plan with us, don't forget to march with CSZ to help make this the most "QUEERIFIC." contingent yet.

Preparing For Passover at CSZ

April 1, 1:30-5:30 pm

1:30-3:30 pm The Haroset Questions:
Gastronomical and Spiritual

Participants will discuss and prepare all types of haroset recipes – from New York-style to Italian, from Ashkenazic to Bucharan.

With CSZ member Prudence Carter
\$5 member / \$10 non-member
Pre-registration is required

3:30-4 pm The Tasting: Choosing the
Right One For Your Seder

Now choose which recipe you like best. If you're planning on attending Rabbi Angel's class which follows, come early for the tasting. Everyone is welcome, no charge.

4-5:30 pm Ma Nishtana: Asking
Your Important Questions

What do the cups of Miriam and Elijah represent? Why is the seder such an important institution in Jewish life? What really is the difference between chametz and matzah? How do we welcome strangers during Passover? Please bring your own questions to add to this class.

With Rabbi Camille Shira Angel
free - members / \$5 suggested donation - non-members



Sha'ar Zahav Kallah: A New CSZ Event

We are very excited to announce the creation of a new congregational event which will include our entire CSZ community. The current working title is "Sha'ar Zahav Kallah," and we are looking toward spring of next year as the date of the inaugural event. The concept for this event was modeled both on our existing annual leadership Advance and on the UAHC Biennial, and is designed to bring together committed and interested CSZ members to spend a weekend discussing issues related to synagogue life. In true Sha'ar Zahav style, the content for this event is envisioned to include sessions on spirituality, governance, values, future planning and lay-rabbinic partnership. The results of these discussions will give guidance and direction to our elected leadership. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the planning for this exciting new event, please e-mail the synagogue.



Rabbi Angel

Passover is the holiday of the big tent, certainly the big table. Families come together and we note the shifting rosters at our seders: We squeeze our chairs together to make room for new children, new friends, new in-laws, while the departed continue to hover over us, evoked through familiar songs and familial traditions.

Passover is a time when we gather not in synagogues or institutions but in Abraham and Sarah's big tent, the Jewish home. At the seder all of us have a place: the wise child, the wicked, the ignorant and the mute. It is the place where our stories begin, where our story as a people is best told, around the big table. This holiday, celebrating our infancy as a nation, is a holiday geared to children, from the Four Questions to the Afikomen to "Chad Gadya." It is a "night of watching," a night when, unafraid of the unknown, we race like children to open the door to welcome Elijah, no matter how dark it is out there. Open the door, but know that he enters through our minds and hearts.

From the last seder to this one has been outrageously painful. It is difficult to say "Next year in Jerusalem" without remembering the last year in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. There were too many babies thrown in the Nile; there are now too many empty chairs at too many seder tables, as well as Palestinian dinner tables. For those rendered mute, beyond words, the Haggadah suggests that all we do is tell the story from the beginning, tell the old stories all over again: how our ancestors dwelled beyond the river, down to Egypt, where God witnesses the afflicted. In the once and future Egypt, the Haggadah promises that God will pass through the land and give us reason to sing a new song.

We have met Elijah and he is us. We can be the advance women and men for the future, moving like Elijah through the landscape, unobtrusively blessing and creating the moments of grace that already fill this earth to abundance; Elijah is armed with fiddles and a promise

Annual Officer and Board Nominations

The election of new officers and members of the Va'ad begins each winter with the appointment of a Nominating Committee. For the coming year (July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002), we will be electing the following officers: president, administrative vice president, program vice president, recorder and treasurer. Our president serves a two-year term. All other officers serve a one-year term. In addition, we will elect three Va'ad members to serve three-year terms and also to fill any other vacancies left by Va'ad members who become officers.

Prior to the annual congregational meeting on June 3, the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates. We recommend candidates based on their service to the congregation and also move people along traditional transition paths, such as administrative vice president to president. We typically look at committee chairs and active members who share the congregation's commitment to Jewish learning, diversity and service to the community. While

individuals are not selected to represent particular demographic groups, we strive to have a Va'ad that mirrors our diversity as a community.

We welcome suggestions for candidates from all members of the congregation. All candidates must be members in good standing. Some officer positions have specific qualifications as outlined in our bylaws. To meet the deadlines prescribed in our bylaws, the committee plans to complete our slate of nominees by early April. Congregation members may also run for a position by petition. The deadline to submit a written request to run by petition is April 20. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee for details.

Each congregant will receive a statement from all candidates and information on absentee ballots in the annual report mailing in early May. This year, to save trees (and our budget) we will email this report to members with an email address on file. (If you don't have an email

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New Member Welcome Dinner

"Mama mia - that's a spicy meatball." And we are a spicy group! Chock full of conversation and comradery, the third Friday night pre-Shabbat dinners provide a nice setting to get to know prospective members, new members and well-seasoned members in a more casual setting. This month's dutch treat dinner on April 20, will be at Il Cantuccio, 3228 16th St. (between Dolores and Guerrero). Join old and new friends for good food and conversation. We will meet at CSZ at 6:15 pm and then head to Cantuccio around 6:30. For more information and to RSVP (so we can all sit together), please contact Marc Wernick (mhwernick@aol.com, 415/928-7883) or the synagogue office.

that in the end there will be no more broken hearts or broken promises. Elijah is us and our children are watching Elijah's cup to see if we are sipping.

The crafting of history, like a great seder, is a collaboration by everyone at the big table. The Haggadah tells us our seders can't end, our holy story can't end, until we find ourselves capable of negotiating for the missing afikomen - as we each hold a piece of that matzah but not the whole. May our afikomens be found and may the hidden be revealed to us all.

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. When there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

Hommos - Sexuality Is Not Tabouli



David Gellman

Like last year's April *Forward* column, this one is written within hours of my arrival from Sydney, Australia, where I represented Sha'ar Zahav in the 2001 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade. I was absorbed by over 150 dancers, marchers and dancing menorahs who followed this year's Jewish float. This represented only a fragment of the more than 7,500 participants in the parade, viewed by over 500,000 people. This year's Parade theme focused on the rights of gays and lesbians to raise children, and began with a bevy of babies airlifted not by mere white storks, but by flaming pink flamingoes! Check out the photos online at:

www.members.optushome.com.au/dayenu

Our Jewish float immediately followed the Lebanese gay and lesbian group, marching under the parade's best banner, which I have plagiarized for the title of my column. We got along fine.

As glitzy and exciting as the parade was, the real excitement for me came a day earlier, when Dayenu organized its second annual GLBT Shabbat evening service and dinner, attended by 135 proud Jews, partners, families and friends. Services were held at Congregation Emanuel, a progressive Reform congregation in Woollahra, a district of greater Sydney, and conducted by Rabbis Jeffrey B. Kamins and Jaqueline Ninio, and by Cantor Michael Deutsch (who can only be described as "fabulous!") The members of the congregation attending regular Friday night Shabbat services made us feel welcome, and Rabbi Kamins' drash focused on the serious side of Purim, the triumph of a minority who could have perished as victims. This was particularly poignant following the dedication earlier that week of Australia's first Gay and Lesbian Memorial, in memory of all those who have been murdered, tortured or persecuted because of their sexuality. The memorial is beautifully located in Sydney's Green Park, immediately in front of Sydney's Jewish Museum.

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In Memory of John Atteridg 1954-2001

CSZ member John Wolcott Atteridg died on Sunday, February 4 after a valiant 12-year struggle with AIDS. John was born September 28, 1954 in New Jersey. He graduated from Memorial High School in Houston, Texas and from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. He exhibited a unique aptitude for mathematics, which led to a profession as an actuary. Throughout his adult life he traveled extensively around the world. He was an excellent bridge player, and received many awards at tournaments. John was a former member of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and from the beginning of the AIDS crisis served as a volunteer with many organizations, includ-

ing Shanti, Project Open Hand and, most recently, Positive Resource.

John was drawn to the community he found at CSZ. After studying with Rabbi Yoel Kahn, he became a Jew by choice. John was deeply committed to Judaism and the community. He had a thirst for knowledge and took classes at CSZ between his travels. He volunteered in many areas of synagogue life including the Newsletter Committee, High Holidays, the Ma'ayan Campaign and the Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign. John also was active in the CSZ book group, the Fiction Connection.

John will be very much missed. May his memory be for a blessing.

Sukkot in April is Just Around the Corner

It's not too late to sign up!

Every year Sha'ar Zahav participates in "Sukkot in April." Along with the greater San Francisco Jewish community, we participate in an eight-hour paint, garden, clean-up and overall fix-up day. We have worked on large community facilities, such as the Asian Pacific Island Wellness Center and on small projects.

This year, Sukkot in April is on April 29th. Registration materials were provided in the March *Forward*. We still need your help to make this year's project a big success. You don't need to have any special skills to participate. We just need you!

Also, this year you can donate funds to buy specific items for a Sukkot in

April project:

\$18: buys a deadbolt to provide security to a senior

\$36: buys a hand-held shower unit for someone living with a disability

\$50: buys enough paint to paint a living room

\$72/\$75: buys 2 grab bars OR a tub transfer bench for a bathroom of a senior with limited mobility

\$100: buys the lumber to repair unsafe stairs

We would love to have your assistance with this annual mitzvah project.

If you would like to help, please contact Dahlia at 415/575-4961.

Israel Havurah to be Revitalized

You are invited to join with Rabbi Angel and the Ritual Committee on Thursday, April 26 at 6 pm for a Yom Ha'atzmaut festive dinner. Together, let's acknowledge Israel's 53rd birthday and express our wishes for a peaceful 54th year with prayer and song.

Following the meal, there will be a meeting of the Israel Havurah. Please join us if you think you may be interested in becoming a member of the havurah. We plan on reviewing, and

updating as necessary, the current mission statement and action plan.

Please help CSZ to become even more engaged in the issues of Israel. If you would like to attend the dinner, please RSVP to Dahlia in the office by April 15 (cszdahlia@yahoo.com or 415/575-4961). Cost of the Middle Eastern dinner is \$10 (of course, no one turned away for lack of funds). If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs Miki Goralsky (415/455-0416) or Ron Lezell (415/626-5748).

Save the Date

Please join us as we welcome Debra Chasnoff and Helen S. Cohen, Senior Producers at Women's Educational Media and CSZ members, in a special screening of their film, "That's A Family!" Saturday, May 12 at CSZ, following Havdalah. Time and suggested donation will be noted in the May JGF.

"That's A Family!" is an entertaining half-hour documentary helping kids understand the different shapes of families today. The film's stars deal with concepts such as divorce, mixed race, gay and lesbian, birth mom, guardian and step-dad. "That's A Family!" will challenge the minds and touch the hearts of people of all ages and give children and adults a powerful way to understand all the different meanings of "family."

(For more information about the film, see the Women's Educational Media website - www.womedia.org/new/respect.html).

President's Column

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Lest this scene appear too cozy, you should know that Sydney's Orthodox rabbinate, who wield the financial and political muscle in Australia's Jewish community, and who refuse even to acknowledge the existence of homosexual Jews, published an article in the mainstream papers earlier in the week, denouncing the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade because of its celebration of "homosexuality and promiscuity." For many non-straight Jews in Australia, membership in a synagogue and participation in Jewish family and community are possible only from behind closet doors.

Dedicated individuals such as Judy Kell and Malcom Davidowitz, co-conveners of this year's events, and the members and supporters of Dayenu, the Aussie GLBT sponsoring group, are to be congratulated for their courage and integrity in making such a proud public statement on behalf of the Australian Jewish GLBT community. We can be very proud indeed of our Aussie brothers and sisters.

David Gellman

Pinat Mishpachah

Family Corner

Kabbalat Shabbat Family Dinner and Service

Friday, April 27, 6 pm

Shirah! (singing), T'fillah! (prayer), Kehillah! (community), Lasagna! (ancient Middle Eastern delicacy). Join Rabbi Angel, Riqi Kosovske, Jeni Markowitz and Lom Friedman for a catered Shabbat meal and intimate service and time together. Special programs for families with kids in Kadimah and junior congregation (ages 6+) and younger children alike.

Members:

adults \$9-14, children \$6-8

Non-members:

adults \$10-15, children \$7-9

Baby Havurah

Saturday, April 28, 9:30 am

Join us for Shabbat morning stretch and play! Songs, toys, bubbles, finger plays and a mini-service puppet show are not to be missed by the 24-month and under set.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, April 28, 10:30 am

Tot Shabbat is for children ages 2-5, their friends and families. We come together for an age-appropriate service, storytelling, singing, art, prayer and movement.

For more information about any of these programs, or to RSVP, contact:

- Riqi Kosovske, (educator@shaarzahav.org),
 - Jeni Markowitz, (familyeducator@shaarzahav.org),
- or call 415/575-4962.

One Hundred Dates in One Night - A Million Thanks

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav wishes to thank all the volunteers and donors for the recent "100 Dates in One Night" event. Food was donated by Yum, located at 1750 Market Street (next to Carta). Wines were donated by Yering Station Vineyards. (To find out where you can find these and other great Australian wines, visit www.scottst.com.)

Kadimah Events

Kadimah creates community both within and without:

Kadimah Pesach Family Model Seder and Program

Saturday, April 7, 11 am

Leaving Egypt anyone? If you've never had a Kadimah matzah ball you are in for a treat. We'll come together in the last part of Kadimah for learning, community, eating and, of course, the jazzy Kadimah rendition of "Chad Gadya" (just a taste of family and CSZ seders to come).

Passover Raffle for the Homeless

The Passover Haggadah says, "Let all who are hungry come and eat." The Kadimah Vav/B'nei Mitzvah class taught by Caryn Aviv and Phyllis Mintzer is taking this to heart and holding a raffle to raise money for local homeless organizations such as Food Not Bombs. Prizes range from dinner tickets at a fancy restaurant, gift certificates to Ace Hardware and Wild Oats, to two hours of free Torah trope lessons from Caryn Aviv. Tickets will be on sale through Passover and can be purchased from Vav students, or call the education office at 415/575-4962. Raffle tickets cost \$1, but are a bargain at 7 tickets for \$5, 13 for \$10, or do a real mitzvah and get 18 (life) for \$15. L'chaim!

Do you have items for the Naches Column? We'd love to publish them. Please contact the office and give us your good news!

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Jan. and Feb. Va'ad Minutes

Lisa Katz gave the d'var Torah which reminds us about the need to think about the future, not focusing on our shortcomings, but helping the congregation grow and focus on the positive.

Saralie Pennington and Jeannette Gurevitch presented the work of their organization, Rainbow, which is seeking to form a coalition to create GLBT senior housing, and came to the Va'ad seeking our endorsement of the project.

They are seeking the following from CSZ:

- participation in filling out their questionnaire, a needs assessment tool for GLBT seniors/aging issues.
- help in raising awareness about aging
- support to get this initiative underway and to raise money
- to build their board and recruit people with specific skills

There were various suggestions intended to help their efforts; we promised to study the request for support and get back to them.

James Carlson reported that revenue in November was down. He will be meeting with Children's Education Board to talk about the Kadimah revenue issue.

Rabbi Angel reported on her trip with four CSZ teenagers to Washington, DC, lobbying Congress with the Action Center representing 1.2 million Reform Jews. It was "an amazing experience for the four kids," she said, who are feeling proud of the congregation they've grown up in.

The Revenue Task Force proposal will be vetted at the March and April Va'ad meetings. The first reading of the budget is in April. The Congregational meeting will be held on June 3.

The Va'ad expressed its thanks to Howard Steiermann for his important work co-chairing Super Sunday for the Jewish Community Federation. Our thanks also go to Danny Kodmur and Tiela Chalmers for co-leading a session at the UAHC Biennial on access issues for congregations, using CSZ as a case study. CSZ member Mike Rankin moderated the session, which was written up in the Northern California Jewish Bulletin. We are proud of our members and their activities bringing honor to the congregation.

A written outline of issues being discussed by the Bylaws Committee was presented. The proposed changes to the bylaws will be presented and voted on at the congregational meeting in June.

A committee is being formed to look into the current policy on children and services and to research options regarding childcare during services.

Jeff Sherman presented the Advance Committee's report. The maximum number of participants is 53, which is a reduction by 15 attendees from the limits set in prior years. After a discussion, the Va'ad agreed to think about a shift in the agenda for this year, but to keep the invitation list the same in terms of scope as prior years.

Note: Minutes for previous months are available through the synagogue office.

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April-Nisan/Iyyar

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
1	8 Nisan	2	9 Nisan	3	10 Nisan	4	
• 1:30 -5:30 pm - Preparing for Passover		• 2-3 pm - Healing Service		• 6-7 pm - Prayerbook Hebrew • 6:30-9:30 pm - Parlor Session for Transgender members • 7-9 pm - Adult B'nei Mitzvah • 7-8:15 pm - Beginning Yiddish • 8:30-9:45 pm - Yiddish and the Left		• 4 pm - Kadimah • 7 pm - Newsletter	
8	Pesach 15 Nisan	9	Pesach 16 Nisan	10	Pesach 17 Nisan	11	Pesach
• 6:30 pm Congregational Seder led by Rabbi Angel, Daniel Chesir and Sarita Groisser		• 7 pm - Newsletter Layout		• 6-7 pm - Prayerbook Hebrew • 7-9 pm - Adult B'nei Mitzvah • 7-8:15 pm - Beginning Yiddish		No Kadimah	
15	22 Nisan	16	23 Nisan	17	24 Nisan	18	
		• 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting		• 6-7 pm - Prayerbook Hebrew • 7-9 pm - Adult B'nei Mitzvah • 7-8:15 pm - Beginning Yiddish Israel Trip Departs		• 4 pm - Kadimah	
22	29 Nisan	23	30 Nisan	24	1 Iyyar	25	
Art Shabbaton Weekend				• 6:30-9:30 pm - Senior Men Parlor Session • 7-9 pm - Adult B'nei Mitzvah		• 4 pm - Kadimah	
29	6 Iyyar	30	7 Iyyar				
Sukkot in April		JGF June Deadline		<div>Our apologies to Ron Edelman for mis-spelling his name in the March calendar.</div>			

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
5 12 Nisan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30-9:30 pm - Queer Youth Parlor Session • 7 pm - Introduction to Judaism 	6 13 Nisan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:19 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Jose Luis Moscovich 	7 Shabbat Hagadol/Pesach 14 Nisan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 pm - Torah Study • 9:30 pm - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Adult B'nei Mitzvah class • 11 am - Pesach Model Seder • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
12 Pesach 19 Nisan No Introduction to Judaism	13 Pesach 20 Nisan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:25 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Patricia Lin and Howard Steiermann 	14 Shabbat Chol Ha'Moed/Pesach 21 Nisan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 pm - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat/Yizkor Services led by Ora Prochovnick and Ron Edelman • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 3 pm - Singing Havurah
19 26 Nisan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 pm - Yom HaShoah Service at Congregation Emanu-el • 7 pm - Introduction to Judaism (meets at Emanu-el) 	20 Yom HaShoah 27 Nisan Art Shabbaton Weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:32 pm - Candle Lighting • 6:15 pm - New Member Welcome Dinner • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Dev Felder Naily 	21 Shabbat Shemini 28 Nisan Art Shabbaton Weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Alan Gordon and Rachel Kliegman • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
26 Yom HaZikaron 3 Iyyar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm - Israel Havurah • 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee • 7 pm - Introduction to Judaism 	27 Yom Ha'Atma'ut 4 Iyyar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:38 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Lyssa Friedman and Batya Kalis • 6 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Family Dinner 	28 Shabbat Tazri'a-Metzora 5 Iyyar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 9:30 am - Baby Havurah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel • 10:30 am - Tot Shabbat • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah

CSZ Family Camp Weekend

Save the Date - May 18-20

Join families of all ages and configurations for a fabulous pre-Shavuot weekend in the rolling green hills of Walker Creek Ranch. Night hikes, outdoor services, star-gazing, relaxation, Shabbat Frisbee, a beautiful Havdallah, making friends, and, of course, lots of excellent adult education and many planned theme activities for all ages (tots, Kadimah kids, teens, adults). Shavuot is the time for revelation and receiving the Torah. This will be a wonderful weekend! Contact the office for a registration packet if you have not already received one in the mail.

Happy Pesach

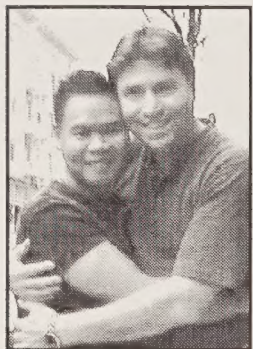


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Why Are These Members Different From All Other Members? by Marc Wernick



Although they approach things from divergent points of view, **Jim Acerra and Tony Enriquez** met in the middle. Jim is from New Jersey, Tony is from Manilla and

they met in San Francisco. Jim actively searched for spirituality and meaning and came to Judaism in that way. Tony became exposed to Judaism by coming to synagogue with Jim. Both find meaning in the songs, traditions and teaching of Judaism.

Tony is 'bi-religious', a term coined by Jim. He talks about how he felt coming to Sha'ar Zahav. "At first, it was really difficult," he explains. "Becoming familiar with the Hebrew was tough." When he first came to CSZ it was tough for him to mingle. "I thought all of the Jews were white," he says. After a very long discussion with membership committee member Ami Zusman, he became more aware of the diversity within the congregation and began to feel more like a part of the congregation.

A key turning point for Tony was when he was "touched by an Angel." Tony's brother was in a serious nitrogen explosion in the Philippines. Rabbi Angel contacted Tony to offer words of comfort. "I was so surprised that she reached out like that. I could not talk. I just cried when I put down the phone. No one has ever comforted me like that before."

To help Tony build a Jewish foundation, Jim and Tony are taking the "Introduction to Judaism" class together. "This is my second time taking the class. The first time was when I decided to convert. It is amazing to see the class through a different lens this time. On one hand, there is a sense of empowerment - 'I know that.' On the other hand, the great thing about Judaism is its complexity. So I am also learning new things this time through," Jim comments.

Jim formally came to Judaism in his 30s. He was trying to find God and strengthen his ties to a higher being. "I tried getting close to Catholicism, but

it never fit. Judaism intrigued me. For me, Judaism just clicked. It clarified who I am and what I want to be."

With both their differences and similarities in mind, the *Forward* explored Jim and Tony's relationship with each other, the synagogue and Judaism with the following four questions:

1. *In watching you two interact, it is obvious that you are quite the lovebirds. What is the secret of your relationship?*

In a ping-pong like fashion, Jim and Tony build on each other's response. "We settle problems before we go to bed," says Jim. "Little to big, we talk things out," adds Tony. "When we have a fight, we kiss and make up," he continues. Both Jim and Tony laugh when they think of Tony's mom's observation. She says, "Jim is Tony's medicine."

2. *During our discussion, you both talked about the journey you took to become comfortable with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. What is the one thing that CSZ can do to make the community more welcoming to people of diverse backgrounds?*

Both Jim and Tony noted that there are many things that CSZ does to make people feel welcome. Tony particularly likes when visitors from out of town are identified during services. Jim likes the visitor corner in the oneg room. They both feel that those minhags (traditions) allow us to better reach out to new people. Jim notes the delicate balance that needs to be struck between programs for people with special needs (e.g., interfaith couples, Jews by choice) and the issue of being stuck with a label or only getting to know people of the same background. Tony notes, "We want diversity and variety, not labels."

Both Jim and Tony loved the parlor session with the Rabbi. "We got to know the Rabbi and the Rabbi got to know us. We also got to know other members of CSZ better."

3. *We talked about the social aspects of the synagogue. Turning now to the religious. What does Judaism mean to you?*

Both Jim and Tony identify with the spiritual aspects of Judaism. For Tony, it is a key to God. "Judaism helps me

learn more about the real God, to enter into a spiritual relation with God. Judaism is a path that takes me closer to God. And the Torah is the guide." Jim notes that Judaism provides him with spiritual direction. "It teaches me what it means to understand God, life and people better. With Reform Judaism, I can follow traditions in ways that are meaningful and comfortable to me. In some ways that allows me to be a spiritual free-bird," reflects Jim.

4. *Passover is right around the corner. What is your favorite Passover ritual?*

Tony is a Pesach virgin, celebrating Passover for the first time this year. "I am looking forward to the experience and to learning more," he replies. Jim loves the sacrifice of giving up leavened bread. "It is a small, symbolic step of understanding what it was like to be a Jew in Egypt," he adds. Jim also likes the structure and formality of the Passover seder. Jim explains: "It is a long service done with diligence and care. I love the tradition and the celebratory nature of the Seder."

Please join me in our special tradition and celebratory way of welcoming Jim and Tony to our community.

East Bay Goes West

Friday, April 20
to the Art Shabbaton

(no East Bay service this month)

Gift of Sight

As of March 1, CSZ members have donated 50 pairs of eyeglasses to the Gift of Sight program, a joint venture between Lenscrafters and the Lions Club. These donated glasses will be used in communities around the world where eye exams and glasses are either not readily available or affordable. Thanks to all who have participated. If you'd like to donate your old glasses, there is a collection box in the lobby near the bulletin boards with the permanent name tags. Children's eyewear is especially needed. But, remember, always keep your next to newest pair as a backup for emergencies.

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Gift Shop Committee Goes to the Gift Show
by Jeffrey Lilly

In February, four gift shop committee members roamed the halls of the Moscone Center, where the winter San Francisco Gift Show took place. By the end of the excursion, we had selected a wide array of new Judaica items.

In keeping with the coming Pesach celebration, Jeff Rubin, committee chair, and other members of the gift shop committee selected a new array of seder plates to add to existing inventory. Also selected were new matzah covers. For the congregation's ongoing needs, the committee chose a broad selection of mezzuzot, kippot in varying sizes and designs, an interesting collection of kiddush cups, candlesticks for the home and for

traveling, and some new tallit. Additional jewelry items were also chosen. The group also ordered decorative wooden boxes with distinctively Jewish designs in several attractive colors.

The gift shop committee would like congregants to know that a portion of our display case has been set aside for sale items. Judaica in this case are discounted 25% to 75%. The gift shop is also looking for volunteers to help with sales on Friday nights. Profits from sales go to the synagogue.

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The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Michael Chertok (co-chair), Amy Scharf (co-chair), Tony Harris, Irene Ogus, Sharyn Saslafsky and Daphne Stuart. Nominating Committee members are appointed by the President and approved by the Va'ad. Committee members traditionally include a past president, a recent member of the Va'ad, previous members of the committee for continuity, and at least one member new to the process. Copies of our bylaws are available to any current member from the office.

Help For the Dolores St. Shelter

On February 25, the Social Action committee cooked dinner for the residents of the Dolores Street Shelter. Led by the culinary talents of CSZ member Michael Schaffer, we cooked dinner for the 20 men who live at the shelter as well as 40 other men who live at the two other Dolores Street Shelters which have no kitchen. The Social Action Committee co-chairs, Allan Berenstein and Laura Lowe, and the volunteers, Sarita Groisser, Michael Schaffer, AJ Trupin, Ida Kuluk, Mark Reisbaum and Ina Fried made salad, pasta and sauce plus a creative and tasty chicken loaf.

While preparing the meal, we found that our neighbors could use help making their daily task of cooking for 60 a little less daunting. Along with the money (or talent) to fix a non-working oven, the shelter could use some sharp cutting knives, vegetable peelers, can openers, dish towels and large pots (the really, really big kind), and an old microwave or food processor. As you look around your kitchen to see what bread products (chametz) you need to use before Passover notice any duplicate kitchenware that you are not using. Please look for the red bin marked Dolores Street Shelter in the CSZ lobby; donations are greatly appreciated through the end of April. For more information on volunteering for this and other Social Action projects, please contact Dahlia Gross at 415/575-4961.

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

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Pesach - Towards the Future *by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee*

After cleaning, cooking, singing and telling; after the four questions, four cups, four children and more than four courses; after ushering out the guests, clearing the table, doing the dishes and stumbling blearily into bed, Pesach is truly underway, and some Jews go to services the next morning.

The first Pesach Torah reading recounts the tenth plague, the death of the Egyptian first-born, and the blood-stained doorways that protected our ancestors. We hear the necessity to tell our children throughout all future generations of our salvation on that night of birth and death entwined. We hear the commandment to prepare a ritual meal in memory of our being driven from Egypt into the unknown.

We hear that no uncircumcised man can take part in that ritual meal. The haftorah tells how Joshua, forty years later, organized a mass circumcision so the new generation could celebrate Pesach before crossing into the promised land. Circumcision is connected with Pesach.

Pesach is the holiday of birth. The people emerge from a narrow place through a bloody opening and begin a long uncertain journey. Birth, in Jewish tradition, leads quickly to circumcision, the covenant of blood that takes a baby boy away from his parents into an individual relationship with God.

The Torah contains many rituals concerning birth, especially the birth of a first-born, "that which opens the womb." A woman's first child belonged to God, not to the woman, her husband or father. God, represented by the priesthood, returned the children to their parents, ceremonially established as human beings in their own

right. Children were not to be treated as property.

Our ancestors lived a strenuous farming and herding life. They spoke a language short on abstractions, rich in physical metaphors. They embodied their religion in the hard and messy work of animal sacrifice. Their rituals for establishing a child's identity, independent of its parents, could not be meaningful unless they were physical.

They chose therefore, to physically dedicate the organ involved in creating future generations. Circumcision,

(whether we practice it or not) symbolizes a truth that is as basic to us as to our ancestors: children do not belong to us. They have their own relationships from the very beginning to the world, the community, history and God.

Pesach is the holiday of beginnings, of birth and of dedication, designed to educate children. The birth imagery of the story works seamlessly with the teaching function of the seder, and both reinforce the haftorah's emphasis on dedicating our bodies and our minds, our children and our future, to our still uncompleted journey.



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- 3/2 Flowers by **Laura Lowe** in loving memory of Sara Lee Pintchuk.
- 3/23 Flowers by **James Carlson** in memory of Richard Roginski.

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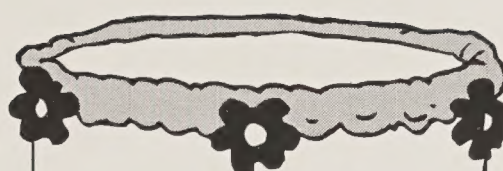
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April Birthdays

- 5 Heather Fox
- 7 Eli Agre Baum
Judy Macks
Gordon Osser
Anya Prussin
Robert Schwartz
- 8 Anna Katz
- 9 Eli Barnes
Emily Newfield
- 11 Caryn Aviv
Sydney Klayman
Liam Klayman
Johanna Klayman
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- 12 Dev Felder Noily
- 13 Bonnie Kates
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- 18 Don Fischer
- 19 Martin Spector
- 20 Helen Cohen
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Aaron Nacamulli
- 22 Lisa Szer
- 23 Sara Haber
Eli Weinstein
- 24 Joyce Garay
Karen Schiller
- 25 Brian Ellis
- 26 Sarah Comerchero
Andre Fournier
- 27 Tory Weiser
- 30 Lynn Eden
Hank Machtay



New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Ziggy Gimnicher
Don Fischer

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Naches

To **Sue Bojdak and Deb Yates**, on the birth of Itai Samuel Bojdak-Yates.

To **Michael Schwartz**, on passing his Psy.D. oral proposal.

To **Leslie Kane**, on her new position as Executive Director of the Holocaust Center of Northern California.

To **Stephen Hauptman**, on his new position as Director of Facilities and Safety at Oracle.

To **Ali Cannon**, on her recent production of *Chutzpah: Homeland, A Queer Jewish Show* which recently ran at Luna Sea Theater.

To **Rose Mallia**, on her entrance into the covenant.

April Anniversaries

- 4 Lucy Bernholz
and Paula Fleisher
- 10 Carolyn Pines
and Judy Schwartz
- 21 Rena Frantz and
Ora Prochovnick
- 29 Barbara Leff and
Arlene Singer

Condolences

Phyllis and George Mintzer on the death of their cousin, Zelda Wasserman.

Michael Chertok on the death of his grandmother, Regina Broudy.

Dan Bellm on the death of his friend, Herman Liveright.

New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in a while? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ

and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

עליה (*aliyah*) - to go up;
1) as in being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read;
2) or when one moves to Israel

עמידה (*amidah*) -
silent standing prayer

אויף רוף (*auf ruf*) -
ceremony held for a couple prior to marriage (Yiddish)

ביקור חולים (*bikkur cholim*) -
visiting the ill

בימה (*bimah*) - stage;
the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

בני מצוה (*b'nai mitzvah*) -
collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) mitzvah (commandment)

בשרת (*besbert*) -
significant other

דבר תורה (*devar torah*) -
words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

דור ראשון (*dor risbon*) -
first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

ערב (*erev*) - evening

גמילות חסדים (*gemilut chasadim*) - acts of loving kindness

הברלה (*bavdalab*) -
ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and welcoming the new week

קבלת שבת (*kabbalat shabbat*) -
receiving or welcoming the Sabbath

קדיש (*kaddish*) -
prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

קדימה (*kadimah*) -
forward; CSZ religious school

קהילה קדושה - ק"ק (*kebila kedosha*) - holy community

קידוש (*kiddush*) -
blessing over wine

כיפה (*kippah*) -
head covering; yarmulke

לעתיד (*la'atid*) -
toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

מעריב (*ma'ariv*) - evening service

מחזור (*machzor*) -
High Holiday prayerbook

מזל טוב (*mazel tov*) - good luck;
used to mean congratulations

מנחה (*minchah*) -
afternoon service

מנהג (*minhag*) - custom

משפחה (*mishpachah*) - family

מצוה (*mitzvah*) -
commandment; also used to refer to a good deed

מוציא (*motzi*) -
blessing over bread

מוסף (*musaf*) - additional service

נחם (*naches*) - pride (Yiddish)

עונג (*oneg*) - joy; the social hour following Shabbat services

עשה שלום (*oseh shalom*) -
maker of peace; song sung to end services and meetings

פרשה (*parashah*) -
weekly Torah portion
(plural: *parashot*)

ראש השנה (*Rosh Hashanah*) -
literally head of the year;
Jewish New Year

שער זהב (*Sba'ar Zahav*) -
Golden Gate

שבת שלום (*Shabbat Shalom*) -
Sabbath peace

שחרית (*shacharit*) -
morning service

שכינה (*shechinah*) -
in-dwelling presence of God;
God's feminine essence

שואה (*Shoah*) - the Holocaust

סידור (*siddur*) - prayerbook

טלית (*tallit/tallis*) - prayer shawl

תיקון עולם (*tikkun olam*) -
repair of the world

תודה רבה (*todah rabah*) -
thank you very much

צדקה (*tzedakah*) -
righteous act; mitzvah of giving

ועד (*va'ad*) - board

יאר צייט (*yahrzeit*) -
anniversary of a death (Yiddish)

ישר כוח (*yishar koach*) -
Your strength will be pleasing

יום כיפור (*yom kippur*) -
Day of Atonement

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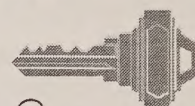


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